

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we give them the ability to manipulate the news that we get and the programming we view to distort it to suit their own agendas.

If they are going to present a propaganda piece for one faction, they should be required to present it as opinion, not fact, and they should be required to give equal time to all opposing views.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.